

Fourth Sunday of Lent

30th March 2025



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD:

First Reading: Joshua 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.'

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

Responsorial Psalm:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. R

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. R

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called, the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. R

Second reading: 2 Corinthians 5: 17-21

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:

Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL: Luke 15: 1-3,11-32

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

Welcome to the Parish of Cororooke.

St Brendan's Coragulac
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St Brendan's 1st, 2nd 3rd & 5th

Sundays :Lay Led @ 9.30am 4th

Sundays Mass @ 5.00pm with Fr Andrew

St Joseph's: Mass 1st Sunday of Month

@ 10.30 am with Fr Kevin

St Brendan's: 6th April: Lay Led @ 9.30

Communion Minister : D McCarthy

Commentator: A McCarthy

Reader: M O'Shea

Leaders: L Darcy & P O'Shea

St Joseph's: April 6th Mass @10.30am

Farewell & Thank You to Fr Kevin

*After Mass there will be a cuppa -bring a plate
to share, followed by BBQ lunch.*

*Please confirm your attendance for BBQ
catering purposes. Ann Maree 0419 540 900*

ALTAR & SACRISTY DUTIES

St Brendan's: Mar: M Allan/D Allan

St Joseph's: Mar: Whytcross

Counters: 23rd- 30th March – J Miller

RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES: Ray Everett, Joan Mugavin,
Catherine Fleming, Dorothy Sexton, John Mahoney,
Toby Hickey, Br Kevin Tuck cfc, Sr Patricia Vagg

***We keep in our thoughts and prayers all
those who seek healing and wellness. May
they feel valued and supported especially...***

***Kathleen O'Donnell, Helen McCormick,
Kerryn Williams, Claire Ryan***

***Pope's Prayer for March - for families in crisis: Let
us pray that broken families might discover the cure
for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering
each other's gifts, even in their differences.***

Upcoming Dates:

4th April @ 1.50: Holy Week Reflection

@ St Brendan's School.

**14th April@ 1.00pm –Mass of the Oils – St Patrick's
Cathedral, Ballarat**

Easter Triidium:

17th April: Holy Thursday –St Brendan's @ 7.00pm

18th April: Good Friday – St Brendan's @ 2.30pm

19th April: Easter Vigil – St Brendan's @ 7.00pm

6th May@ 5.00pm Parish Leadership Meeting

New Mass Times & Church Location..

Mass @ 9.00am - which will commence after Easter
beginning with 26th April at St Brendan's

1st Sunday St Joseph's Pirron Yallock

2nd Sunday St Peter's Birregurra

3rd Sunday Our Lady of Fatima Lorne

4th Sunday St Brendan's Coragulac

Project Compassion 2025 Week 4: Unite against poverty this Lent

In the fourth week of Lent we meet Irene. Irene lives in
the Kongolo Region in the Democratic
Republic of the Congo (DRC) and faced
immense challenges after losing her father
to war and raising her children in poverty.



With support from Caritas Australia, Irene received
vocational training in sewing and farming and can now
support her whole family.

Congratulations to...

***Carmel & Jim Finlay celebrating 50 years
of Marriage &***

Dani Allan celebrating her 30th birthday



As consumers we are able to play a part in
combating slavery in chocolate supply
chains. By choosing to buy from companies
with transparent and ethical sourcing practices, and supporting
advocacy efforts to hold the industry accountable, we can help.

- Download the chocolate scoreboard to see which brands are working to eliminate child labour from their products <https://www.chocolatescorecard.com/>

Fasting

Fasts have a tendency to be oriented towards 'giving up' something like food, sweets or drinks but there are many other creative ways we can welcome Jesus' healing touch.

Fast from anger and hatred: Give your family and those around you an extra dose of love each day.

Fast from judging others: Before making judgements, recall how Jesus overlooks our faults.

Fast from discouragement: Hold on to Jesus' promise that He has a perfect plan for your life.

Fast from complaining: When you find yourself about to complain, close your eyes and recall some of the little moments of joy Jesus has given you.

Fast from resentment or bitterness: Work on forgiving those who may have hurt you.

Fast from spending too much: Try to reduce your spending by 10 percent and give those savings to the poor.



Global Mission: No age limit!

Ever thought volunteering overseas was beyond you? IT'S NOT. Palms always values our older participants for the wisdom and resourcefulness they share in communities!

Palms is celebrating our seniors with a special [online session](#) showcasing older volunteers' experience and insights from the mission field. Explore our [unique opportunities](#) and match your life experience to the experience of a lifetime!

Venue: Online via Zoom- Scan the QR or register at



palms.org.au/events

Date: Thursday 27 March 2025

Time: 11 am – 12 pm

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Jubilee Year 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope

- Pope Francis has declared a Jubilee Year of Hope in 2025, centred on the theme, "Pilgrims of Hope." A Jubilee is a special year of grace and conversion, involving prayer, pilgrimage and sacramental repentance, held every 25 years, or during other years as called for by the

Pope. Through a series of concrete rituals, acts and commitments, the goal of a Jubilee year is to inspire and encourage holiness of life among the faithful and therefore to strengthen the Church's witness to God's loving mercy in and for the world.

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth,

when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

Pope Francis

Prayer for Pope Francis

Please pray for health and healing for Pope Francis, entrusting him to the healing care of our Lord.

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful, look favourably on your servant Francis,

whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd.

Grant, we pray, that by word and example he may be of service to those over whom he presides so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care, he may come to everlasting life.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the

unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

